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1. The general opinion of Soviet citizens and Russian emigrants in Shanghai is that the repatriation announcement is a move to "gain face" for Soviet authorities in China, to discredit the Chinese Government, and to take a firm stand against Hanking because of the recent anti-Soviet activities of the Chinese Central Government. Many actually want to be repatriated because they wish to see the land of their ancestors and/or because of unemployment and bad economic conditions in China. Some Soviet citizen-applicants, mostly those of Jewish origin who are merchants, are apprehensive and do not want to go to the USSR. Many prospective repatriates fear that they will not be sent to cities to which they wish to go but will be processed through "Control Points" and sent to places where they are needed. This pessimistic feeling is the result of the experience of local Soviet citizen-applicants previously repatriated: V. N. Ivanov, well-known journalist and author in Shanghai and former employee of XRVN Radio Station, was sent to Khabarovsk instead of Moscow where he wanted to go; A. Slobodskoi, popular light opera singer of Jewish origin in Shanghai, was sent to a factory nineteen miles from Vladivostok instead of Moscow. However, local Soviet propaganda continues to inform the prospective repatriates that this is their "golden opportunity".

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